

### --- “Series of 1883” - One Hundred Pounds - BLACK - COUPON Stamps ---

Chris Ryan in the “Canadian Revenue Newsletter”, No. 41, of March 2003, reports that the one hundred pound stamp was not added until 1885. Thus there are no *block watermarked* thirty-five pound stamps.

Chris Ryan, “Canadian Revenue Newsletter”, No. 41, March 2003

“Among the first stamps to be issued under the new Statute as part of the Series of 1883, were large denominated stamps to replace the discontinued ‘Caddy’ and ‘Box’ stamps on packages of pressed tobaccos. Initially, in May 1883, these stamps were to have consisted of a 10-pound rectangular ‘Cavendish’ stamp, and four coupon stamps of 15, 20, 60 and 70 pounds, covering packages from 15 to 25 pounds, and from 60 to 80 pounds. However, prior to their July 1st introduction, a 10-pound coupon-stamp was added to the set for packages of 10 to 14½ pounds.

Additions to the series were made in 1885, when 35 and 100-pound coupon-stamps were introduced. These stamps added 35 to 45 pounds, and 100 to 110 pounds, to the range of available sizes for packages of pressed tobaccos. The 1 and 5-pound coupon stamps, covering packages from 1 to 4 pounds and from 5 to 9½ pounds, were introduced in 1890 and 1888 respectively”.

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Purely as an aside, it can be noted, that there are no 5 pound, 35 pound or 100 pound 1883 Coupon stamps that carry the 5 mm. *Gothic violet control numbering*. This pretty well positions the *violet control numbered* stamps in the 1883-84 era. I feel that these stamps were either prepared for a philatelic exhibition in 1884, or were prepared as “presentation” sets for prominent philatelists. At that time it was illegal to possess unused ‘genuine’ tax-paid stamps.

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The catalogue lists the recess printed one hundred pound black “Series of 1883” COUPON stamp as follows:

**RM-269** - 100 pounds, black, perf 12, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove, with 4 mm. controls, *long wreath*, with ten one pound coupons and an **188\_** stub

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<b>3rd BABN Contract</b> (1878-1886)	John McKay records as ‘delivered’ 8,500 copies of “100 lb. Black Coupon” printed by hand press
<b>4th BABN Contract</b> (1886-1892)	John McKay records as ‘delivered’ 21,715 copies of “100 lb. Black Coupon” printed by hand press

#### --- The “theoretical” control number range on the 100 pound black Coupon stamp ---

<b>3rd BABN Contract</b> - (1878-1886)	8,500	- <b>000001</b> to <b>008500</b>
<b>4th BABN Contract</b> - (1886-1892)	<u>21,715</u> 30,215	- <b>008501</b> to <b>030215</b>

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#### --- The “actual” control number range on the 100 pound black Coupon stamp, as recorded to date ---

100 pounds, black, on *unwmkd* wove, with 4 mm. controls - **005750** to **024283**

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It is probable that the one hundred pound stamps were printed in a single batch at Montreal prior to their return to Ottawa in 1887. To date, no one hundred pound stamps with 5 mm. (Ottawa) control numbering, or with the stub dated **189\_**, have been reported.

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--- RM-269 - One Hundred Pounds - “Series of 1883” - Black - 3rd BABN Contract - 1885-92 ---

--- Recess printed in BLACK on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - with 4 mm. control numbers ---

--- Perf 12 - 115 x 62 mm. plus ten 1 pound coupons and an 188\_ stub - scanned at 70% scale ---

--- With the *long wreath* around the Queen’s portrait (scanned at 200% scale) ---



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--- The “theoretical” control number range on this 100 pound black Coupon stamp ---

3rd BABN Contract - (1878-1886)

8,500

- 000001 to 008500



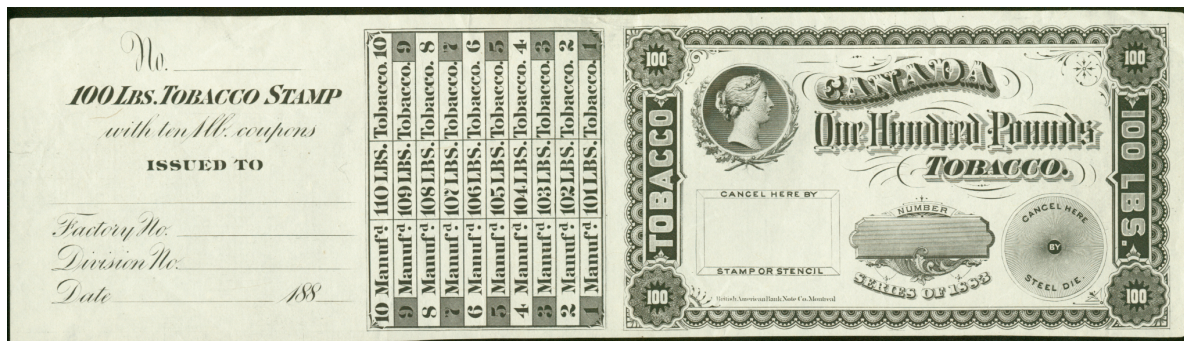
★ RM-269 - 100 pounds, black, perf 12, CWCS, with 4 mm. control number 005750, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove,  
with ten 1 pound coupons, and an 188\_ stub

005750 ★

RM-269

100 pounds, black, perf 12, CWCS, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove,  
with the stub dated 188\_

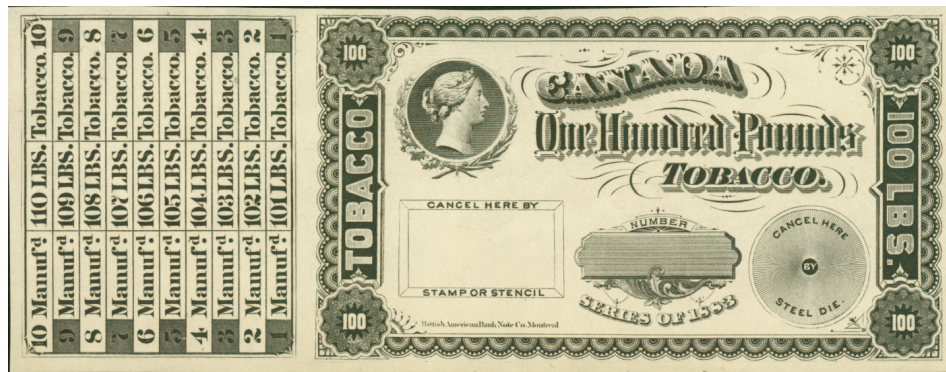




★RM-269 PP - 100 pounds, black, CWCS, a plate proof on very white *unwmkd* thin bond paper, with ten 1 pound coupons, and an **188**\_ stub, possibly a *die proof* - although I doubt that the primary die included the coupons and stub



★RM-269n - 100 pounds, black, perf 12, CWCS, without control numbering, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove paper, with ten 1 pound coupons, and an **188**\_ stub



★RM-269 PP - 100 pounds, black, CWC, a plate proof on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh heavy wove,



★RM-269 PP / CP - 100 pounds, black, CWCS, a plate proof on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh heavy wove, stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic - with ten 1 pound coupons, and an *188*\_ stub - scanned at 60% scale



--- RM-269 - One Hundred Pounds - "Series of 1883" - Black - 4th BABN Contract - 1886-92 ---

--- Recess printed in BLACK on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove - with 4 mm. control numbers ---

--- Perf 12 - 115 x 62 mm. with ten 1 pound coupons, and an 188\_ stub - scanned at 70% scale ---

--- With the *long wreath* around the Queen's portrait ---

The Lee Broom catalogue lists the recess printed one hundred pound black "Series of 1883" COUPON stamp as follows:

RM-269 - 100 pounds, black, perf 12, on horizontal mesh unwmkd wove, with 4 mm. controls,  
*long wreath*, with ten one pound coupons and an 188\_ stub

--- The "theoretical" control number range on this 100 pound black Coupon stamp ---

4th BABN Contract - (1886-1892)

21,715

- 008501 to 030215



★RM-269 SP - 100 pounds, black, perf 12, CWC, with 4 mm. control number 024268,  
on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove, with ten 1 pound coupons - stamped *Sample*

014003	RM-269	100 pounds, black, perf 12, CWC, on <u>unwmkd</u> horizontal mesh wove
024260	RM-269	100 pounds, black, perf 12, CWC, on <u>unwmkd</u> horizontal mesh wove
024268 ★	RM-269 SP	100 pounds, black, perf 12, CWC, on <u>unwmkd</u> horizontal mesh wove, stamped <i>Sample</i> in the cancellation panel
024283 ★	RM-269 SP	100 pounds, black, perf 12, CWCS, on <u>unwmkd</u> horizontal mesh wove, stub dated 188_, stamped <i>Sample</i> six times



★RM-269 SP - 100 pounds, black, perf 12, CWCS, with 4 mm. control number 024283, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove,  
with ten 1 pound coupons, and an 188\_ stub - stamped *Sample* six times - scanned at 70% scale

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